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REF: PERRY LINK 3DEC09 EMAIL

At the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Acting Principal Secretary, Charg???? re-raised the requested demarche (ref A) with the

Ministry's U.S. Desk Officer, Claudia Marks Benjamin, on 17 Dec. When Charg???? expressed U.S. interest in encouraging Grenada to vote against the resolution, Benjamin interjected "or abstention." Noting in particular the letter of U.S. Congressional interest, she said that she would contact the Foreign Minister (now in Denmark) for explicit instructions. Charg???? added that the demarche (ref B) was delivered to the Foreign Minister on 3 Dec, who undertook to consider the demarche but had no immediate response. LINK